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Sir:

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This information disclosure statement is being filed within the following time period: before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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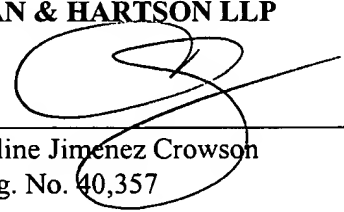
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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in the International Search Report dated July 11, 2002 (a copy of which is attached) from the European Patent Office in a counterpart International application number PCT/US01/25279, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

CA	"Universal Protocol Conversion" IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp. New York, US, December 1, 1995, vol. 38, no. 12, pages 323-324
CB	International Search Report dated July 11, 2002 for PCT/US01/25279

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